

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 2 is acceptable to the government subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the parliamentary secretary, is it the pleasure of the House that notice of motion No. 2 be deemed to have been adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE INVOLVED IN REORGANIZATION OF CUSTOMS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

Motion No. 2—**Mr. Coates:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, and other documents involved in the reorganization and computerization of the Customs Division of the Department of National Revenue.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, I ask that all the other notices of motions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Baldwin: Pretty poor service.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining notices of motions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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VIET NAM—CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT—TIME OF DEBATE ON CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN SUPERVISORY COMMISSION IN RELATION TO DISPATCHING OF PERSONNEL

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs arising from his statement today. I should like to ask whether the government intends to have the debate on the resolution dealt with by the House before any of the Canadian participants under this new proposal leave the country, or is the minister reserving the position he expressed in the House last week, that the government might find it necessary to dispatch participants before the matter comes before the House?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the second position enunciated by the Leader of the Opposition is the position the government takes. We have been asked to have some of our observers on site as soon as possible. If in fact the agreements are signed and we are asked to participate by all

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four parties, we would intend to send some personnel without delay, probably over the weekend.

VIET NAM—CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT—DISCUSSION WITH OTHER PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS IN SUPERVISORY COMMISSION—METHOD OF REPORTING

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he or the government has had any discussions with the other three proposed participants in this operation, particularly as to how the operation will function in view of what I understand to have been difficulties in the past regarding the ICC being able to operate in an effective manner?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, now that the government has made the decision I have announced in the House today we are in a position to talk to the other proposed members. It is our plan this afternoon to provide the United States, the North Vietnamese, Saigon and the Viet Cong or P.R.G. with copies of the statement, and also to provide copies to the other proposed members of the commission and to ask them what their intentions are. Once we know whether they intend to participate we will then be in a position to proceed to have talks with them about the functioning of the proposed commission.

Mr. Stanfield: Is it the intention of the Secretary of State for External Affairs to insist that the Canadian participants should be able to report on their own, or is it the intention that the combined organization of countries would have to report as a unit?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I have examined the sections of the protocol dealing with this question and I think they meet our position fairly well. There is a rule of unanimity on reports made by the commission to any of the parties, but it is also provided that the individual countries may make individual reports.

VIET NAM—CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT—NAMING OF FOUR MEMBERS OF SUPERVISORY COMMISSION IN PROTOCOL—NATURE OF INVITATION TO CANADA TO PARTICIPATE

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct one or two questions to the minister in relation to his statement. Do I gather from his statement and the answers to the questions asked that the four countries mentioned in press reports are actually named in the protocol dealing with the observer force after the cease-fire—Canada, Indonesia, Hungary and Poland? Are they named in the protocol which presumably will be signed by all parties to the war next Saturday?

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Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I cannot answer that. I can say that they are the intended members. I am sorry I have not examined the protocol in sufficient detail to find out whether the names are actually there, but each of the proposed members has been notified by the members who are parties to the